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## **U.S. AMBASSADOR CELEBRATES U.S.-MALAYSIA TIES AT UKM**

*Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Hosts Closing Ceremony for the Peace Corps 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration; Muzium Negara Adopts Peace Corps Photo Exhibit into Permanent Collection*



*Ambassador Paul W. Jones and Yang Berbahagia Professor Datuk Dr. Noor Azlan Ghazali, the Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic and International Affairs cut the ribbon to officially close the Peace Corps 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations in Malaysia.*

Bangi - U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia, Paul W. Jones, and the Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Prof. Datuk Dr. Noor Azlan Ghazali, today officiated the closing ceremony for the 50th anniversary celebration of the Peace Corps program in Peninsular Malaysia, at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

At the closing ceremony, Ambassador Jones said, “These Peace Corps ties remind us of the deep, long shared history between Malaysians and Americans. Through the Peace Corps and our vibrant academic and cultural exchanges, we have learned that if people can cross the barriers of language, culture and customs, then they can hear the voice of the human heart in any language.”



*Ambassador Jones talking about a photo in the exhibit.*

The Peace Corps 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition was first launched at the Lincoln Corner in the Kuala Lumpur Library on April 12, 2012. Two photo exhibits traveled the length and breadth of Peninsula and East Malaysia.

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia is a leading academic institution in Malaysia. Its institutional connection to American Studies programs makes it the fitting partner for a program that commemorates the shared history of Malaysia and the United States.

As a repository of Malaysia's rich cultural and historical heritage, Muzium Negara will adopt the Peninsular Edition of the exhibition into the museum's permanent collection, enabling the ties between Peace Corps Volunteers and Malaysians to remain vibrant for generations to come. Similarly, the Sabah and Sarawak Edition of the exhibit was adopted into the permanent collection of the Sabah Museum.

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For online information about the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Peace Corps Malaysia:  
U.S. Embassy: [http://malaysia.usembassy.gov/pcv\\_photoexhibit.html](http://malaysia.usembassy.gov/pcv_photoexhibit.html)